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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Society will take place on Tuesday 4th June, at 7.30pm at Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford. When we shall be having our annual 'Constructors Contest', so bring along those homebrew pieces of gear, with a brief description written on a small card. It will give the adjudicators an idea of what the equipment is intended to do. Please put your name on the back of the card. You will also be expected to give a short talk on the item before the final assessment is made.

Good luck to all those who enter the Contest.

Next Committee Meeting

Will be held at the usual venue, The Wheatsheaf, New Street, on Wednesday 19th June.

D.F. Hunt

Six competitors took part in this event, and very good weather made it a very pleasant outing for all those who took part. Willy, G3VPK/P, was the hidden station located at TL 999 204, in Brierly Wood, north of the Abberton reservoir. He had cut himself a tunnel into a bush, and the polar diagram gave a null at the opposite end to the transmitter. No records were broken on this hunt, and Willy also had his troubles with the rig! I think that this made it all the more interesting for the hunters.

The start was from Tiptree Heath at 14.30, the times of arrival were:-

1. G3EDM	15.14	4. G3KPJ	16.17
2. G4CUE	15.47	5. G3BGO	16.30
3. G3VKQ	15.49	6. G5IX	17.05.

News Comments

Stumech Versatower Winching Gear

For those of you who have such devices, take a look at the small gear wheel and its drive shaft. It is only swaged on. Your Hon. Editor was assisting G8HXL to erect his tower, the centre section was being winched up, when this gearwheel lost grip on its shaft. Had we been lowering it with the ratchet off, then this could have been very disastrous. Brazing, or perhaps pinning, of both segments of the gearwheel onto its shaft, will make winching very safe.

Fraser Shepherd Prize

Congratulations to Peter Blair, G3LTF, on being awarded the Fraser Shepherd Prize for Microwave Progress. This was very appropriate in view of the new E-M-E record made by working VK2AMW on 70cms. It will be sometime before anyone can better this.

Woburn

When you sign in at the next meeting, you will find an extra sheet headed COACH TRIP TO WOBURN. Please enter your name and the total number in your party, who would like to travel with us. We would like to book the Coach well ahead. Nominal cost details later.

Best 73,

Les.

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